

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

1. The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall on Monday, November 14, 2016.
2. The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. There were 16 people in attendance.
3. Duane gave a report on the North Main Street Road Diet crash review. Duane concluded that several of the crashes were not within the area of the proposed Road Diet and he believes others were not caused by reasons which would not be attributable to the conditions on North Main Street. However, Duane did conclude that crash rate on North Main Street is elevated compared with other roads with similar characteristics, volumes and speeds, and stated that, of the 127 crashed which occurred within the study limits, approximately 79 crashes could have been prevented by a Road Diet.
4. Duane gave a report on the North Main Street Bridge Replacement. He stated that the construction will take place from 2017 to 2018. He is in the process of doing traffic counts on Mountain Road, Main Street and Trout Brook. Counts will also be done during and after the construction.
5. Duane did a final report on milling and paving projects for 2016. It was an extremely active year with many roads replaced. In addition, Duane discussed the bike lane on Ridgewood Road and sharrows throughout Town.
6. Daniel gave a report on the North Main Street Road Diet.
7. Scott presented a letter to Mark McGovern on Complete Streets Compliance. The letter was signed by all members of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee and will be sent out within one week after the date of the meeting.
8. Tracy gave a report on the Bike Ped Plan update after having attended a meeting at the Elmwood Community Center. More information can be found on ctbikepedplan.com.
9. Steve gave a report on Bike West Hartford, Inc. He mentioned that Bike West Hartford would be involved with event planning, fund raising and community advocacy. Bike West Hartford will also do a significant amount of fundraising for bicycle related causes.
10. Scott gave a report on the Bike Walk CT Annual Meeting which was held on Friday, November 11 at CCSU
11. Scott gave an update on the Ride of Silence which will be held on May 17, 2017. More information will be forthcoming.
12. Ethan gave a report on the Center Streets event. He mentioned that CCSU, with the help of Mary Collins, is assisting with a new logo. Daniel is working on a video to help promote the event. Scott reported that the 2016 event had a net loss of approximately \$1,670.
13. Dan and Kevin gave a report on Cycling without Age Program. He reported that participants will be asked to sign photo release forms. He mentioned that there were 13 rides in June, 2016, 5 in July, 2016, 4 in August, 2016, 9 in September, 2016, 15 in October, 2016 and 8 to date in November, 2016.

14. Tracy reported on the community bike planning initiative. She will be attending the rails to trails meeting to make contact with bicycle advocates from other towns.

15. Scott mentioned that the Cranksgiving event will be held Saturday, November 19 at Trinity College. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m. and the ride starts at 12:45 p.m.

16. Scott mentioned that he will be writing a letter to the Mayor of the Town of West Hartford on behalf of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee to urge the Town to choose a new Town Manager who has vision, is knowledgeable in the area of Complete Streets and bicycle pedestrian issues and is supportive of the Complete Streets Policy and the Bicycle Facilities Plan.

17. Duane reported that the Trout Brook trail will be completed in 2018. The Town has received final funding from the State through Senator Beth Bye to complete this phase.

18. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee